

DIABETES AND OTHER ENDOCRINOPATHIES.

Abnormalities of the endocrine system can cause altered consciousness, weakness, fatigue, lethargy, motor abnormalities, visual disturbances, tremors or psychiatric disorders. Such disorders include but are not limited to, diabetes, thyroid disorders, parathyroid disease, pituitary disorders and neuropathic disorders.

Once one of these conditions is diagnosed, evaluation should be undertaken by a physician to assess any degree of impairment. Any evaluation of one's driving should be assessed under the appropriate guidelines, e.g. diabetic retinopathy should be referred to the visual acuity profile. These disease processes should be under control to assure safe operation of a motor vehicle.

FUNCTIONAL ABILITY PROFILE: Diabetes and Other Endocrinopathies

Profile Levels	Circumstances*	Condition Example	Interval for Review
1.	No diagnosed condition	No known disorder.	
2.	Condition fully recovered & compensated	Prior endocrinopathy, i.e. gestational diabetes.	N/A
3.	Active impairment: a. Minimal b. Mild c. Moderate d. Severe	a. Active endocrinopathy, controlled without medication, i.e., diabetes, diet controlled. b. Active endocrinopathy, with medication, i.e. diabetes controlled with insulin or oral agents. c. Active endocrinopathy currently impairing driving functions but with potential for control. d. Uncontrollable endocrinopathy of sufficient severity to impair safe operation of a motor vehicle	a. N/A b. 8 years c. No driving d. No driving
4.	Condition under investigation	Newly discovered endocrinopathy	As needed

* For further explanation refer to page 1